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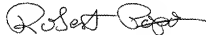
Claims 1-2, 4-7, 19-22 and 26, 27, 29 and 31-47 are pending in the application and claims 1, 2 and 4-7 stand rejected. Applicants disagree with the Examiner that claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are not patentable but solely in the interest of passing this case to issue have hereby canceled claims 1, 2 and 4-7 without prejudice and expressly reserving the right to present these and other claims in one or more future related applications. Claims 19-22, 26, 27, 29 and 31-47 remain pending in the application and are all indicated as allowable by the Examiner, for which Applicants thank the Examiner. In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025, including the excess independent claim fees due. Furthermore, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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